(c) when is the term of office of the present Commissioner to expire ;

(d) whether the Government have decided to appoint Barrister Nilakanta Menon, the District Magistrate, as the Commissioner of Police, when Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur would leave the State service ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) On the afternoon of 15th August 1928.

(d) Yes.

Roads in Adoor Constituency

141. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have now obtained from the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats the scheme for the construction of new roads in the Adoor Constituency as ordered by the Diwan in his Proceedings, R. O. P. No. 406 of 1101, dated 18th January 1927 regarding the same ; if the answer is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to lay a copy of the same on the Council Table ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 112 of the Budget Session of 1102.

142. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the work of the Maia-Adoor road will be taken up before the end of this year ; if the answer is in the negative, will they be pleased to state whether there is any special reason for not taking up the work till now as ordered by the Diwan of Cochin in his order R. O. P. No. 406/01, dated 18th January 1927 ; will they also be pleased to state the present stage of the work and when the work be completed ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It will not be possible to start the work before the end of 1103.

Sites have to be acquired for the road and the Diwan Peishkar has been asked to institute acquisition proceedings.

The estimate is ready.

The work has not been started as yet.

143. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state in a tabulated form the respective roads and lanes for which each of the four Panchayats in the Constituency of Adoor have budgetted for the next year, i. e., 1104 and which of them have been included in the list recommended by the Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—A list is placed on the Council Table.

144. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have known the fact that the peo-

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ple of Adoor are put to great inconvenience and trouble owing to the absence of proper roads in several of the villages in that constituency?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes; the matter is engaging attention.

Fresh taxation.

145. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is the Government aware that it has been stated in this House that no fresh taxation of any kind would be imposed on the public of Cochin without the same being discussed in this House?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government are not aware of having given any definite assurance of the kind.

Details of amounts budgetted but not spent.

146. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state (in tabular form if convenient):—

(a) the amounts budgetted for expenditure under various major heads but which were not spent or utilised in the respective years, for the years 1100, 1101, 1102 and 1103 (11 months only);

(b) the reasons, if any, for not utilising the amounts budgetted?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) A statement containing the information in respect of 1100, 1101 and 1102 is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*) As for 1103, the figures for 11 months cannot be had, as the accounts from Medam to Mithunam are not ready.

(b) The collection of the information asked for requires much time and labour as it involves a scrutiny of each detailed head of account and has to be gathered from each Head of Department which is not easily possible.

The appointment of the present Acting Chief Engineer.

147. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

A. (1) why a superannuated officer from elsewhere was appointed to act for the Chief Engineer recently went on leave;

(2) what pension does the acting incumbent draw from his former appointment;

(3) is there any rule in our State that when a pensioner accepts any appointment, his pay (of the new appointment) with his pension should not exceed his salary at the time of retirement; if so, is the rule observed in these appointments?

B. (a) Are there no competent Engineers in the State

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